

ALLENS REPORTED SURROUNDED NEAR SIDNA ALLEN HOME

All Men in Hillsville Go to the Scene to Aid in Capture

DESERT STAND AT SQUIRREL SPUR

May Attempt to Starve Out Assassins—Some Talk of Calling Out Federal Troops, But the Report Is Not Credited

Hillaville, Va. March 12.—Messrs.

Hillville, Va., March 13.—Messengers from the posse guarding the roads in the mountains have reported the courthouse assassins at a point near the town of Hillville, where they were home. Every available man in Hillville went to the hills in the hope of surrounding them before they get away.

Just after dusk fell a man riding a gray horse covered with foam rode into town and had a hurried talk with Detective Feltz, head of the posse. Not even the men who had been in the saddle all day were spared from the chase, and the party galloped off on what might be an all night ride. At best they cannot reach the point the messengers

Travelers coming down from Fane Gap today said the Allens had deserted their stand at Squirrel Spur and plunged into the still thicker country over toward the Patrick county line. That is more of wilderness than their previous stand. A some places the boundary lines have never been traced.

Attempt to Starve Them Out

It now looks like an attempt to starve out the assassins. By this method the hope to cut off food supplies and probably medical assistance, it was reported this morning a physician, a friend of Sidna Allen, had stolen out and drizzled his wounds on Saturday. Allen himself was reported to have been seen coming down the trail from Squirrel Spur yesterday morning. He had the bushy about Ward's Gap and Harper's Gap but did not find trace of him.

Jack Allen, one of the brothers, who did not take part in the courthouse assault, was taken into custody and will consult a lawyer about the attachment authorities are making on Sidna's and Florida's property. Allen galloped up to the town source.

The townsfolk thought he was heading another raid.

He said his brothers probably had shot in self defense and would fight to the last ditch.

Sidna's wife came to town in a rickety barouche, in pitiful contrast to her former visits. She wanted the prosecutor to empty her husband's store from the attachments, but he refused. About \$30,000 of his property has been tied up for the heirs of his victims.

Telephone Wires Intact

Telephone wires haven't been cut, reported. Ella Willcox and her sister, operators, refused to take fright at the Allens and have been sticking to the switchboards night and day.

A day or two before the shooting of the Allens called for a number and not getting it quickly said to the operator.

"I guess you don't know who I am. I'm one of the fighting Allens."

"Yes," returned the country girl, "and I am one of the fighting Willcoxes, and when you come I'll be prepared."

The maudlin ones who write notes to criminals haven't missed Floyd Allen in the Roanoke jail. He got a letter today from New York, telling him that

There was talk today of calling federal troops. Those in authority, however, did not consider it seriously. It is not unlikely that before much more progress toward the capture of the assassins is made Governor Mann may declare martial law in Carroll county and call on every man in the mountains to

In sympathy with the Aliens to come upon
Under such conditions troops could picket
the roads and passes and escape would
be almost impossible.

Need Cavalry

Cordons of troops, the most adaptable
being cavalry, equipped for a long and
systematic siege and search of the mountains
of Carroll and adjoining counties
was ordered to be the only practical

seems today to be the only practical method by which the members of the Alien cluismen can be captured.

Detectives have searched the roads and homes in this vicinity within a radius of 15 miles and have been unable to find any clue of the present hiding places of the fugitives.

Without facilities for camping the poss-

has not dared to spend a night in t-

Four members of the posse who accompanied Deputy Field Agent Steve Farr of the revenue service to Floyd Allen's home to confiscate illicit stills and other paraphernalia have returned here. They brought with them four outfits, consisting of kettles and worms, and also had about

Whisky Destroyed

Great quantities of the illicit whisky was poured out on the mountainside. Two stills were found at Sidney Edwards' house. The paraphernalia was brought to the courthouse here where it is being held as evidence.

Lee Felts of the detective's posse

has the revolver with which Sidney Edwards helped to shoot up the court. The weapon was left by Sidney at his home when he fled from the posse Sunday. It is of .48 calibre and more than a foot long.

Acting Commonwealth Attorney Landreth and Prosecutor Gilmore of Pulkaski, who will assist him in presenting the state's case against the Allen

held a lengthy conference at the court house. They have completed their list of witnesses and began drawing today new indictments against eight men believed by the grand jury to have had a hand in the attack.

The town has almost regained its composure, but women are still afraid to go out of doors. When the shadow begins to lengthen men's hands instinctively

There are few men here who do not believe the Allens will make good their threat to kill Attorney Tompkins, Clerk Goad, Sheriff Edwards and James Early.

Haynes' Account Different
Greensboro, N. C., March 19.—Sheriff C.

H. Haynes of Surry county, on the border of which is the home of Sida Allen, wants in connection with the Hillsville stage line was here today and in relation to the Hillsville courthouse.

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